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**SUBJECT: JOINT POLICY CONCERNING HAULED WATER**

This is to provide you with a status report since our last report on May 14, 2004, regarding the Board approved motion by Supervisor Yaroslavsky, with an amendment by Supervisor Antonovich, instructing the Directors of Health Services, Public Works and Planning, the Fire Chief, and County Counsel to report back to the Board on a joint policy concerning hauled water, including consideration of hauled water's implications for public health, fire safety, and orderly development.

The involved County departments met on August 4, 2004 with representatives of several Board offices to review information assembled by the Public Works Department concerning the extent of hauled water usage in Acton and Agua Dulce. The departments are further reviewing the information and will hold another meeting within the next several weeks.

We will provide an additional update by September 10, 2004. In the meantime, if you have any questions or need additional information, please let us know.

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